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SUBJ: BILATERAL APPROACHES ON SOVIET TRIALS.

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON FERIT ULKER, MFA CHIEF OF SECTION RESPONSIBLE FOR EUEOPEAN COOPERATION AND CSCE MATTERS, ON JULY 19 AND MADE POINTS CONVEYED REFTEL. AS THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC GOT RESPONSE TO SOVIET TRIALS, EMBOFF ASKED IF OFFICIAL STATEMENT MAY BE FORTHCOMING AND ALSO REQURESTED REACTION TO DEMARCHE.

2. RESPONDING, ULKER REPEATED STANDARD TURKISH THESIS ON CSCE PROCESS:

-- THAT TURKEY BELIEVES DETENTE, AS ADVANCED IN HELSINKI FINAL ACT, IS VALUABLE FOR THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS;

-- THAT IT MAY NOT BE REALISTIC TO EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM SOVIETS, WHOSE SYSTEM IS NOT DEMOCRATIC AND DOES NOT RECOGNIZE VALUES CONSIDERED BASIC IN WESTERN SOCIETY; AND

-- THAT WHILE TURKEY IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IT IS CONCERNED THAT TOO STRONG
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A REACTION TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION MAY HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT TO THAT INTENDED.

IN SUMMARY, ULKER STRESSED THAT TURKEY FAVORS A "MODERATE, BROAD APPROACH" DESIGNED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN THE LONG RUN.

3. EMBOFF ALSO HIGHLIGHTED CONCERN OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ABOUT IMPACT OF SOVIET DISSIDENT TRIALS ON PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR CSCE PROCESS. ULKER PROMISED TO CONVEY TALKING POINTS TO HIGHER LEVELS OF MFA AND UNDERTOOK TO INFORM EMBOFF OF ANY REACTION TO DEMARCHE.

4. COMMENT: GOT FEELS IT HAS BEGUN TO TAKE PART IN PROCESS OF DETENTE LATE AND IS UNWILLING TO JEOPARDIZE WHAT IT CONSIDERS ITS LARGER INTERESTS (CULTIVATION OF POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE CREATED DURING RECENT ECEVIT VISIT TO MOSCOW AND SATISFACTORY OUTCOME OF ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS) FOR GOALS WHICH APPEAR, IN THE SHORT RUN, UNATTAINABLE. DILLON

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